(e) if so, the safeguard measures taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) It is estimated that about 2500 Indians (NRIs / PIOs) were working at the World Trade Centre, New York.

(b) 107 persons of Indians (NRIs / PIOs) are missing and presumed dead in the attacks on the World Trade Centre, New York.

(c) The New York city authorities had prepared the list of victims with the help of employers and Consulates of various countries. However, no list of Indians killed in the attacks is available, since most of them are classified as missing.

(d) Prime Minister had raised this issue with the US President. Our Ambassador in Washington as well as the Consul Generals were in close contact with senior political leaders and administrative authorities to take measures to prevent any such attacks.

(e) The local authorities issued appeals on TV channels asking the public to refrain from irresponsible attacks on anybody. Two persons were arrested in New York for creating trouble in areas with concentration of Indian establishments. The Police Departments increased their patrols around places of worship, especially Gurudwaras.

Pakistani Intrusion Across the LoC

518. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a significant Pakistani intrusion across the LoC into Indian territory in Rajasthan region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, as part of its policy of sponsoring cross border terrorism in India, Pakistan frequently attempts to aid infiltration of terrorists across the International Boundary in Rajasthan and the Line of Control in the State of Jammu & Kashmir where a part of the territory of the State continues to be under the forcible and illegal occupation of Pakistan.

Our security forces continue to take all necessary measures to preserve the security and territorial integrity of the country.